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SENATOR CLARK: I would like to announce there is 28 eighth grade students and five adults from Holy Name grade school in Omaha, Nebraska. Sister Carol and Miss Barbara Hazard (Phonetic) are the teachers. Would you raise your hands in the North balcony so we can see you and be recognized? They are from Vard Johnson's District. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Vickers, would you kindly explain your amendment. Then we will have the people turn their lights back on that were on yesterday. We are only going to be on this until eleven-fifteen. Go ahead, I think you are on.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, I would like to yield my opening time to my cointroducer of this amendment, Senator Sieck.

SENATOR CLARK: The Vickers amendment on page 1773 is what we are on at the present time.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body...

SENATOR CLARK: Before you start, Senator Sieck, I have got 48 fourth graders. They do not stay too long so I like to announce it, from West Point Public Schools, West Point, Nebraska, Senator Chronister's district. Carolyn Boyum and Barbara Albers are the teachers. There are five mothers with them also. Would you raise your hands so we can see where you are and be recognized? They are up over here in the balcony. Welcome to the Legislature, all of you. Senator Sieck, go ahead.

SENATOR SIECK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, you all received on your desks, a map of the State of Nebraska of the different water areas and you also received on your desk a commentary from the Ford Motor Company. I would like to have you look at both of those so that you begin to get a better picture of what we are talking about. What we are addressing here with this amendment is to, we feel, that the water is for the State of Nebraska and that we should be concerned any time water is diverted out of the stream wherever it is diverted and that we should use these criterias which we set out in this amendment in order to address ourselves in that fashion. Now that also means in the water within that particular basin if it is diverted to another area of that basin, that these criterias should be considered. The economic, environmental and other benefits of the proposed uses, we feel, that the beneficial uses and the environment and the economics should be considered. Now I am going to address myself to the Upper Blue area. If you look at that map you can see